IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

THURSDAY, THE 27TH SEPTEMBER 2007 / 5TH ASWINA 1929

WP(C).No. 28660 of 2007(J)

PETITIONER:

SIYAD, AGED 26 YEARS,
S/O ABOOBACKER, SAJITHA MANZIL,
MUZHANGODI, THODIYOOR VILLAGE,
KARUNAGAPPALLY.

BY ADV. SRI.SAJEEV KUMAR K.GOPAL

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR, KOLLAM.

2. THE TAHSILDAR, KARUNAGAPPALLY.

3. THE GEOLOGIST,
OFFICE OF MINING AND GEOLOGY, KOLLAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 27/09/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.

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W.P.(C) NO. 28660 OF 2007

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Dated this the 27th day of September, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The allegation of the petitioner is that vehicle belonging to him has been seized by the 2nd respondent on 14/8/07 on the allegation that it was engaged in the unauthorised transportation of river sand. Challenging the proceedings, this writ petition has been filed. Although the petitioner has raised various contentions on the very correctness of the proceedings, I am not inclined to go into such contentions at this stage.

2. Consistent with the previous judgments that have been passed in the matters of this nature, I dispose of this writ petition also, directing that the 1st respondent shall finalise the proceedings against the petitioner, in terms of the provisions contained in Rule 27 of the Protection of River Banks and Regulation of Removal of Sand Act and Rules, 2001, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within a period of 10 days of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

Writ petition is disposed of as above.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE.

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